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E.O. 11652: N/ GDS

TAGS: ETRD, GATT

SUBJECT: GATT PANELS ON DISC AND RELATED TAX PRACTICES --
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

1. TREASURY AND STR HAVE RECEIVED REQUESTS UNDER THE
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) FROM TAX ANALYSTS AND
ADVOCATES FOR COPIES OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED TO THE GATT
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MEETING OF THE PANELS. THE REQUESTS COVERS MATERIAL SUB-

MITTED BY THE U.S.G., THE EC AND CANADA. THE MATERIAL SUBMITTED BY THE EC AND CANADA IS EXEMPT FROM RELEASE UNDER THE FOIA IF, UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652, RELEASE OF THE INFORMATION WOULD BE DAMAGING TO OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS, E.G. BECAUSE SUBMITTED BY ANOTHER GOVERNMENT TO THE U.S.G. IN CONFIDENCE. SUCH MATERIAL SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE UNDER E.O. 11652. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO VERIFY WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES WHETHER MATERIAL SUBMITTED BY EC AND CANADA WAS FURNISHED IN CONFIDENCE AND TO ADVISE DEPARTMENT BY CABLE BY MAY 20 OF RESPONSE. IF SO, DEPARTMENT WILL CLASSIFY.

2. CONCERNING MATERIAL THAT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY FRANCE, BELGIUM AND NETHERLANDS FOR NEXT MEETING OF PANELS,

MISSION IS REQUESTED TO DETERMINE IF THIS MATERIAL WAS PROVIDED TO THE U.S.G. AND PANELS IN CONFIDENCE AND TO ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT. MISSION SHOULD ITSELF CLASSIFY IN FUTURE MATERIAL GIVEN TO U.S. ON UNDERSTANDING IT BE HELD IN CONFIDENCE.

3. MATERIALS SUBMITTED TO GATT PANELS BY U.S.G. FALL UNDER DIFFERENT PROVISIONS OF FOIA AND E.O. 11652 THAN DO MATERIALS FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. CLASSIFICATION OF SUCH MATERIAL IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DRAFTING AGENCY (TREASURY). MISSION IS REQUESTED TO INFORM GATT SECRETARIAT AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PANELS THAT U.S.G. SUBMISSION TO FIRST MEETING WAS NOT CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR CLASSIFICATION AND THAT BECAUSE OF DOMESTIC LEGAL REQUIREMENTS THIS PAPER WAS PROVIDED BY STR TO REQUESTING ORGANIZATION AND WILL BE PROVIDED BY TREASURY. KISSINGER

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